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TAGS: PEPR, IS, IR
SUBJ: ISRAELI ATTACK ON IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY
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1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. WE COULD ONLY SPECULATE THAT B-1
RAID, WHICH FROM BAGHDAD APPEARED TO BE IN THE DIRECTION
OF THE IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY AT TUWAITHA, WAS THE WORK OF
ISRAELI PLANES. RAID OCCURRED AT 6:25 P.M. LOCAL TIME AND
DID NOT APPEAR TO ATTRACT ANY SAM'S OR ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE.
HOWEVER, AN HOUR LATER DURING THE ITALIAN NATIONAL DAY
RECEPTION BY THE TIGRIS, THERE WAS A 15-
MINUTE DISPLAY OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT MACHINE-GUN TRACERS FIRING
AT NO APPARENT TARGETS.
3. IRAQI MEDIA HAVE NOT MENTIONED THE RAID. B-1
WE UNDERSTAND THE WORD IS ABOUT THAT
SEVEN ISRAELI PLANES WERE INVOLVED. ONE RUMOR HAS IT THAT
A BRIDGE ON THE BAGHDAD-CTESIPHON ROAD WAS HIT. WE HAVE
NOT YET HEARD LOCAL RUMORS OF DAMAGE TO TUWAITHA.
4. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CHECKING WITH FRENCH AND
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ITALIAN EMBASSIES. FIRST REPORT FROM ITALIAN
AMBASSADOR IS THAT NO FRENCH OR ITALIANS WERE CASUAL-
TIES, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME IRAQI CASUALTIES.
APPARENTLY SOME PART OF THE NUCLEAR FACILITY WAS HIT,
THOUGH WE HAVE NO DETAILS YET ON DAMAGE.
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6. DEPARTMENT REPEAT AS APPROPRIATE.
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